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**STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**  
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### INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST

Enclosed are the application materials to practice as a Licensed Psychologist in Kentucky under the provisions of KRS 319. A copy of the law and other instructions are also enclosed.

Successful applicants for licensure must hold a doctoral degree in psychology, show evidence of having met specific curriculum requirements and the required supervised experience, and pass the required objective and oral examinations. The structured oral examination will cover professional practice in the applicant's specialty area, ethical principles, and Kentucky Mental Health Law.

#### **PROCEDURE:**

An application, with appropriate fees and supplements listed below, must be submitted for Board review. The Credentials Review Committee will not review incomplete applications. A complete application will consist of the following:

A completed and signed application (applicants should declare a specialty area for their licensure).

A completed Curriculum Guidelines for Licensure form (with any necessary documentation).

The fee in the amount of \$200 made payable to the "Kentucky State Treasurer" (\$100.00 for review of the application and \$100.00 for the oral examination. The \$200.00 fee for the review of application materials and the oral examination is not refundable.

Three (3) letters of recommendation, one (1) of which must be from the degree-granting educational program, one (1) of which must be from the supervisor of the required supervised experience (practicum, internship, field experience), and one (1) from a person qualified to evaluate the applicant's ability in the specialty area. Two (2) of these letters must be from doctoral-level psychologists. In the event that the applicant has completed their educational experiences ten (10) or more years before submitting their application for licensure, letters from psychologists who are qualified to evaluate their present ability in the declared specialty area are required.

Official transcripts (with the official seal of the Registrar), for all degrees and coursework, both graduate and undergraduate, supporting the application. In the event that the applicant's doctoral degree is not shown the official transcript, a letter from the Registrar of the granting educational institution, which specifies that all requirements for the degree have been met and the date for the award of the degree, will be acceptable for the application process. Letters from department heads, directors of training, deans of graduate schools, etc. are not acceptable to meet this requirement. Receipt of an official transcript showing the awarding of the degree is required before the issuance of the final license.

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A letter from the internship agency documenting the dates, number of work hours, type of experiences, and supervisors.

*If temporary license to practice under the supervision of a licensed psychologist is desired, a letter must be received from the applicant requesting same, and approval of the supervisor. This letter must be co-signed by the supervisor, or accompanied by a letter from the proposed supervisor also requesting approval of the supervisory arrangements.*

Applicants for licensure by reciprocity must have the Board of the state or province in which they hold a license submit proof of licensure, and the standing of the license, to this Board.

**IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OFFICE.**





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## CURRICULUM GUIDELINES FOR LICENSURE

APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

Listed below are the guidelines used by the Board to determine eligibility to sit for the examination for licensure as a Psychologist.

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Write in below the course number, course title, university, and term taken for each course which you believe meets each of the requirements as indicated. If the course title is not self-evident as meeting a particular requirement, it is your responsibility to submit, with this form, a catalog description or course syllabus substantiating its meeting of the requirement.

Applicants who have taken more than one course in any given area may choose to list additional coursework on the back of this form. However, all coursework listed must appear on the official transcript(s) submitted.

Applicants may use an individual course to meet only one requirement. For example, a course in psychopathology may not be used to meet requirements for both Individual Differences and Advanced Abnormal Psychology.

Specialty courses may not be used to meet foundation/distribution requirements. For example, a course in group therapy is not acceptable to meet the distribution requirement in Social Bases of Behavior.

Applicants may use one (1) upper-division, undergraduate course to meet one (1) of the distribution requirements. For example, an applicant may use a senior-level, undergraduate physiological psychology course to meet the Biological Bases of Behavior requirement.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in this form being returned to you for proper submission, and a delay in your application process. In order to sit for the certification examination as a Psychologist, the applicant is required to:

1. Have a Ph.D., Ed.D., or Psy.D. degree from a regionally accredited educational institution with a clearly identified psychology program (i.e., identifiable psychology faculty, identifiable body of students, and a psychologist responsible for the integrated, organized sequence of study);

**DEGREE**

**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION**

**DATE CONFERRED**

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2. Have completed a one-year internship program, if the designation "Health Service Provider" is being sought. Candidates for Health Service Provider status must complete the "Report of Internship" form. The candidate is referred to 201 KAR 26:190 for information regarding eligibility for Health Service Provider status.

3. Have had GRADUATE instruction in the following:

<u>COURSE NUMBER</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>TERM TAKEN</u>
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- A. Research Methodology:

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- B. Statistics:

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- C. Scientific and Professional Ethics and Standards:

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4. Have had a core program which includes three GRADUATE semester (five quarter) hours in the following:

- A. Biological Bases of Behavior: (e.g., Physiological Psychology, Comparative Psychology, Neuropsychology, Sensation and Perception)

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- B. Cognitive-Affective Bases of Behavior: (e.g., Learning, Thinking, Motivation, Emotion)

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- C. Social Bases of Behavior: (e.g., Social Psychology, Community Psychology, Systems Theory)

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- D. Individual Differences: (e.g., Personality Theory, Human Development, Abnormal Psychology)
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\*\* You are expected to apply for licensure in the area of specialty which matches the specialty of the program from which you obtained your doctorate. Specialty curriculum guidelines follow.

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5. Have had coursework in the area of specialty for which you are seeking licensure ( *in addition to the core areas*). All courses *must* be GRADUATE.

**\*\*CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY:**

Have at least three semester (five quarter) hours in each of the following:

<u>COURSE NUMBER</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>TERM TAKEN</u>
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- A. Psychopathology, Advanced Abnormal Psychology:
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- B. Theories of Psychotherapy, Systems of Psychotherapy, specific psychotherapeutic intervention strategies
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- C: Practicum in Psychotherapy:
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- D. Clinical Assessment of Individual Intellectual Functioning of the Individual:
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E. Clinical Assessment of Emotional/Psychological Functioning of the Individual:

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F. Practicum in Psychological Assessment:

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**\*\*COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY:**

Have at least three semester (five quarter) hours in each of the following:

<u>COURSE NUMBER</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>TERM TAKEN</u>
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A. Psychopathology, Advanced Abnormal Psychology:

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B. Counseling Theories, Techniques, or Systems:

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C. Practicum in Counseling:

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D. Assessment of Intellectual, Personal, Social and Vocational Functioning of the Individual:

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E. Practicum in Assessment:

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F. Theories of Career Counseling and Development:

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**\*\*SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY:**

Have at least three semester (five quarter) hours in each of the following:

<u>COURSE NUMBER</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>TERM TAKEN</u>
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A.	Psychopathology, Advanced Abnormal Psychology, Exceptionalities of Childhood:		
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B.	Psychological Intervention, Psychotherapy, Counseling:		
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C.	Practicum in Psychological Intervention:		
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D.	Psychological Assessment Techniques:		
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E.	Educational of Psycho-educational Assessment Techniques:		
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F.	Practicum in Psychological Assessment.		
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**\*\*INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY:**

Have at least three semester (five quarter hours in each of the following:

<u>COURSE NUMBER</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>TERM TAKEN</u>
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A. Differential, Personality, Social, Experimental:

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B. Industrial-Personnel Psychology:

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C. Human Factors Engineering Psychology:

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D. Organizational-Social Psychology:

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E. Industrial-Clinical Psychology:

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F. Marketing and Consumer Psychology:

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